TOWN of GRANBY











2017 CALENDAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF GRANBY Incorporated 1786

15 NORTH GRANBY ROAD GRANBY, CONNECTICUT 06035-2125 (860) 844-5300

WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR.

Dear Residents:

GRANBY - Moving In the Right Direction

Granby's approach to regional services is recognized as exemplary. We share building inspection services and certain equipment with our neighboring towns of East Granby, Hartland, Simsbury, and Suffield. We also look to other Farmington Valley town neighbors where we collaborate for services. The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) provides nursing services to our school system and operates the Granby Food Bank. Our Police Dispatch Center provides police, fire, and ambulance dispatch services to East Granby and Hartland. Granby Police also share animal control services with the Town of Hartland. Our Humans Services share Youth Services and Social Services with East Granby. As a co-founder of a 10 town Farmington Valley Health District, Granby saves tax dollars in providing restaurant food inspections. Our Health District also provides environmental health inspections and permitting for child day care, water testing, and community health programs.

We have volunteer agencies who work to provide safety for our town. Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) assists in the event of emergencies and we provide quality fire suppression via the Lost Acres Fire Department (LAFD). In addition, our Library Board and its associated groups "support freedom and the right of individuals to read, learn and gather in a safe, friendly environment". Our Commission on Aging supports senior services with its many resource programs, recreation activities, and exercise curriculums. Our participation in state and regional agencies continues to assist us, hoping to foster even more efficiencies.

Last, but not least, Granby schools continue to be recognized for their excellence. Several years ago Kelly Lane School was honored as a School of Distinction, last year Wells Road was chosen as a School for Climate Practices from the Connecticut Association of Schools, and recently, a Leadership Award was given to our Board of Education from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

As we continue into another year, the above indications point to the fact that we are indeed moving in the right direction and our elected officials are supported by a qualified staff.

In reading the enclosed agency reports, I hope you find as I did, that Granby is moving in the right direction.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr Town Manager



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome 2017! I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year!

In 2016, our town achieved some great accomplishments due to the hard work of town staff and the many volunteers in our community. Although there are many accomplishments, I will only highlight a few. Through the guidance of the Planning and Zoning Commission, our Plan of Conservation and Development was updated with the collaboration of volunteers and was approved by regional and state agencies. This document gives guidance as to how Granby might progress and move forward in town development during the next decade.

On another positive note, our Finance Department achieved yet another award through the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in accounting and financial reporting. This is the 10th consecutive year that Granby has received this award and once again due to the outstanding work of our town staff. These efforts, along with conservative fiscal management, have helped to achieve an increased bond rating from Standard & Poors to AA+. This provides us with an increased standing and borrowing power in the financial markets and is due to the efforts and effective financial management of dedicated staff and officials in our town.

The closing of Kearns School due to declining enrollment has allowed the town to look into ways that this building may best be utilized for the greater good of our community. The Board of Selectmen formed a committee of town volunteers to research and investigate the best and most efficient use of the building and its space. We look forward to hearing the ideas gathered through this public process.

Public input and the ability to make your voices heard at meetings, discussions with town staff and officials, and through open forums has always been a corner stone of Granby and is further highlighted by the many volunteers that manage and shape our hometown. I encourage all citizens to get involved in making Granby the best place that it can be. If I can be of any service in assisting you in those efforts, I can be reached at Kuhnly@granby-ct.gov.

In conclusion, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers in our town who devote countless hours to making this a wonderful place to live and raise a family, to our Board of Selectmen for their commitment and vision for our community, and finally a huge thank you to our Town Manager, Bill Smith, and his dedicated staff for its leadership and devotion to Granby.

Be well.

B. Scott Kuhnly First Selectman

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	SR MFC No trash pickup *	P&R BOS	ВОЕ			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	COA GDC GLB	CC P&Z	AC YSBAB IWWC			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SR MFC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	ZBA BOS	ВОЕ			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	BOF	P&Z				
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^{*} Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of week.

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TOWN CLERK

Mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes and
the Granby Charter, the Town Clerk is responsible for the
following services: Recorder of Deeds, Administrator
of Elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Custodian of
Public Records, Agent for State Licenses, Clerk-Town
Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to	
Revenue Collector	\$365,497
Land Records (1,891 Recordings)	\$68,160
Conveyance Tax (343 Transfers)	\$150,835
PA-02-229	\$54,468
Historic Preservation	(Town) \$1,513
	(State) \$3,026
Maps Filed – 16 filed	\$220
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$11,348
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$521
Burn Permits Issued	\$1,100

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 20165)

Vital Statistics (Marriage Licenses, Copies,	
Burial Transfers, Cremation Certificates)	
Town	\$11,889
State (36 Surcharges)	\$684

	<u>Granby</u>	Out-of-Town	<u>Total</u>
Births	1	73	74
Deaths	57	42	99
Marriages	39	17	56
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Hunting & Fishing	Licenses		
Town fees collected		\$156	
State fees collected		\$6,720	
Licenses issued by	rk	386	
Misc. Combos issu		151	
Handicapped Licer		3	
Lifetime Licenses issued			200
Deer Tags			18

Pheasant tags issued Connecticut Bird Stamps issued HIP Permits Issued	5 0 4
Dog Licenses – 1,087 issued	
Town fees collected	\$1,111
State fees collected	\$8,913
Late Fee's collected (State)	\$432
(74 Surcharges)	
Kennel Licenses issued	10
Fidelco Dogs Licensed	3
Transfers / Replacement tags	8

ELECTIONS

11/03/2015 – Municipal Electors qualified to vote – 6,888 Electors checked as voting – 1,382 Absentee Ballots (AB) – 50

04/26/2016 – Presidential Pref. Primary Electors checked as voting: Republican 1,382 Democrat 1,242 Absentee Ballots (AB) – 140

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

12/14/2015 – Appropriation and Bond Authorization for School Renovation Project. Paper Ballots issued. Electors voted – 126. Yes vote – 85, No vote 39, Abstention – 1, Blank – 1. Resolution approved.

02/01/2016 – Special Town Meeting for Gatehouse Road approval. Approved 02/01/2016.

04/25/2016 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Machine vote: Yes Vote – 679, No Vote – 517, (AB-23). Budget passed.

Total Absentee Ballots Issued – 213

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended to keep updated on new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter covered included absentee ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws; it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

International Institute of Municipal Clerks (I.I.M.C). and Connecticut State Certifications were previously attained by the Town Clerk. Assistant Town Clerk Jini Ruscitti has also received Connecticut State Certification. Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses is essential to maintaining the professional level of management required by the office.

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of \$4,000. This will be used to continue the process of re-indexing our land records to make more data available to the public on our work station computer and online. This project includes land records from January 1979 thru July 1984, or at least as much of this time frame that the grant funds will allow.

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Lincoln's Birthday	COA GDC GLB	CC P&Z St. Valentine's Day	вое			
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	SR MFC Presidents' Day	SR ZBA BOS				
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The Granby Police Department continues to provide quality modern police services to the citizens of Granby. The Police Department is led by Chief of Police Carl Rosensweig and Captain William Tyler. Together, Chief Rosensweig and Captain Tyler have 71 years of police experience. Each has graduated from the FBI National Academy; an 11 week, full-time intensive academic and physical training program in Quantico, Virginia. The police department has an authorized strength of 16 sworn officers.

The Granby Police Department has engaged in many initiatives this year:

- The national accreditation process through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has begun. This is a long term project that involves a top to bottom review of policies and procedures in order to show the department complies with national standards. The process includes public input and, ultimately, an on-site inspection by CALEA evaluators.
- In-car computers have been added to each marked patrol car. This allows an officer to get more done while in the car rather than coming to headquarters. It also increases room in the cruiser and provides a safer working environment for the officers.
- Each marked patrol car is now equipped with in-car cruiser cameras, which are automatically activated.
 The captured video is transferred to a server in the police department with no user input required. The camera system is useful for evidence collection and officer accountability. It has already proven to be valuable for both.
- Each officer has access to and is trained to administer intranasal naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal agent. In the past, this drug was only available on ambulances and with paramedics.
- The police department participates in the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)
 Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). This program involves training for each officer in order to evalu-

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- ate the danger to a domestic violence victim and to make immediate referrals for the appropriate assistance.
- On April 27, 2016, the Granby Police Department Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) became one of the first to upgrade to the Next Generation 911 system. Our PSAP provides dispatch service to Granby, East Hartland, and East Granby. This was a coordinated effort between the Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication (DSET), the police department, and every vendor with equipment attached to the 911 system. The DSET provided training to our dispatchers in the capabilities and operation of the new system.

The Granby Police Department is working to expand the number of sworn police officers. The department is currently staffed with the minimum number of officers needed to provide the basic service the community expects and deserves. Any personnel shortage due to illness, pregnancy, injury, military leave or retirement presents a critical problem. Staffing a police department is always a challenge. An officer can resign or retire with two weeks' notice and it takes approximately one year to hire and train a new officer. In order to provide the highest level of service, the police department will be proactive in attempting to stay ahead of anticipated retirements by keeping staff levels up and, ultimately, increasing the number of sworn officers. The police department is actively recruiting entry level officer candidates as well as experienced certified officers from other police departments.

Highly trained officers provide the best service to the community. In Granby, the officers participate in a regional training program for one week each year. In addition, officers receive training in specialized areas such as investigations, firearms, and defensive tactics.

Traffic complaints are one of the most frequent complaints received by the police department. The department uses traffic/speed monitoring trailers not only to alert operators of their speed, but also to collect

data for later analysis regarding driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day and day of week, all of which allow for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with actual data.

The police department has continued to work with state and local emergency planners to be even better prepared for the inevitable future emergency. Local, regional, and state-wide drills have better prepared all town departments to handle major emergencies.

The Granby Police Department is an active participant in the north central Connecticut region. This collaborative regional planning and operational effort is comprised of the police departments from the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. The result is a cadre of personnel trained in special areas of expertise that are available to respond as necessary. The areas include SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction. The Granby Police Department contributes significantly to this regional effort. One officer is part of the regional SWAT team, one is part of the regional accident reconstruction team, and two are crisis negotiators. Additionally, the department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

As always, the Granby Police Department is ready, capable, and willing to respond to the needs and requests for service from our community on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis.

MARCH 2017

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COA GDC GLB	CC P&Z	ВОЕ		St. Patrick's Day	
20	21				25
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This was another great year for Lost Acres Fire Department (LAFD). Our organization continued its tradition of protecting the property and people of the Town of Granby as well as assisting our neighboring towns. As times have changed in our world, so has the department.

Training is our largest undertaking. We continue to average over 1,000 hours of training per year taught directly by officers of LAFD on skills such as hose deployment, extrication, ladders, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air management, and brush fire tools/tactics, to name but a few.

Visiting instructors provide us with special topics training. CIRMA gave classes in defensive driving, roadway safety, and social media considerations for emergency responders and GAA with CPR, assisting with medical calls and blood borne pathogens. LAFD reviewed the Line of Duty Death reports for the fire service. This helps drive awareness and training on the issues that caused these terrible tragedies and provide us with valuable lessons learned. As required by CT OSHA, LAFD conducted its annual live burn at the CT Fire Academy, keeping our skills sharp on fire behavior, forcible entry, hose line management, ventilation, water flow, and pump operations.

LAFD also needs to maintain its knowledge of the exposures, buildings, and structures throughout the Town of Granby. For example, we tour buildings such as Granby Schools and Valley Brook Church with a building representative reviewing the building layout, alarm systems, and sprinkler systems and discuss our pre-plans if we are ever called to respond to an incident or alarm. Enders State Forest on Barkhamsted Road has become a very popular spot for hikers and swimmers, which has driven up our call volume for people injured in that area. LAFD completed an exposure assessment and improved our equipment and response pre-plans to address the unique circumstances and environment. These changes were shared by a classroom drill and review which all agencies involved were invited to attend, including GAA, East Hartland Fire, Barkhamsted East Fire, East Granby Fire, and Granby Police Department. This was capped by a live drill at Enders State Forest with all of the agencies involved. All told, over 60 people, including LAFD, were able to practice their training during the live drill.

LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

One of our newer members, waiting list member Nate Jansen, completed his required Firefighter I course.

Public fire education is an important part of the LAFD mission. This year we continued our activities which included visiting schools, providing tours to town groups, setting up displays at town events, and hosting our annual open house and fire prevention week. This year we saw the changeover of the Fire Prevention committee chairman duties from Firefighter Bill McHugh to Firefighter Tim Rickis. We thank Bill for his hard work and dedication during his tenure and congratulate Tim on his new role. Tim has already jumped in with both feet, having attained a Global Fire Prevention Grant in June, providing LAFD with \$500 worth of free smoke detectors that we can distribute to town residents who need them.

We continued our work on the replacement and up keep of our trucks, stations, and equipment. The department voted to refurbish LA-7, repairing damage and rust, overhauling the generator, and making compartment layout and shelving upgrades and improvements. This work will be accomplished during the summer of 2016 and will allow this truck to provide us with additional years of service at a minimal cost.

Deputy Chief Bill Lee coordinated the upkeep and repairs of our stations with West Granby getting a new high efficiency furnace system and replacement well water pump. Center Station saw the painting and repairs of the hallway and hatchway doors, new bay lights, and the cleaning of the lights and fans. The water heater was replaced and the grounds were cleaned. Old shrubs and plantings were removed and replaced with new ones donated by the Monrovia Company.

Our Cadet program continues to grow and provide the department with qualified firefighter candidates. Cadets perform approximately 40 hours of their own training, in addition to attending all of the department training/classes and events. We started this year with six active cadets. Four cadets have graduated high school and will be moving on to their next life chapters! Our past cadets have provided us with great support with four of them moving to the waiting list. The cadets also provided support and assistance

during our live burn event at the CT Fire Academy, Granby Days at Salmon Brook Park, Fire Prevention activities, school visits, and the annual LAFD Auxiliary Rummage Sale. We thank the Cadet Advisors for their continued support of this important program!

June 1, 2015 was the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the LAFD by Horace Clark. Few organizations can claim to make this incredible milestone. Only through the dedication and support of our members have we been successful in doing so, and we hope to continue to be successful in the coming years.

Total Calls for the Period:	247
Fires (cooking, building, chimney, brush):	42
Rescues & Medicals:	14
Hazardous Condition (no fire):	44
Service Calls (water, odor, standby):	34
Good Intent (cancelled enroute):	16
False Alarms (CO, smoke, pull box):	97



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	BOS	P&R	вое			
9	10 Budget 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing SR	11	12	13	14	15
Palm Sunday	BOF COA GDC Passover begins GLB at sundown	SR P&.Z CC	SR AC YSBAB IWWC	SR	SR MFC Good Friday	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Sunday	BOS	ZBA	BOE			
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30	Budget Referendum BOF	P&Z				

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MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed

SR = School Recess

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated and regulated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations require fire safety inspections in all buildings in Granby with an exception to one and two family dwellings. Other responsibilities include enforcing hazardous materials regulations, planning reviews of proposed buildings, and determining a cause and origin of all fires and or explosions.

The Fire Marshal has a close partnership with the Building Official; these offices work together on projects involving commercial or multifamily occupancies. Our main objective is to gain compliance with the State Building and Fire Codes. This is accomplished by working with the building owner and the occupants and educating them as to how these improvements create a safer environment for all building occupants.

This year a total of 171 fire safety inspections were completed, along with nine fire investigations to determine cause and origin.

Working smoke alarms are one of the best ways to survive a house fire. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area, and on every level of the house including the basement. Batteries need to be replaced annually at a minimum and smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. If you have questions about proper placement of smoke alarms, call the office. Have a plan to escape your house should a fire occur. This plan should include two ways out and include a meeting place once outside. Never reenter a house once evacuated due to an emergency until cleared by an emergency responder.

Office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments. Tax collections for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,573. At the end of the fiscal year, 443 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2014 Grand List adjusted levy was \$34,856,873 and the net collections on the current levy were \$34,570,307.
- During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, 99.2% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2016 (including back taxes) was \$588,595.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with all town agencies (Police, Fire, EMS, Health Education, and Public Works Departments) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan. The Department of Emergency Management ensures town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements. They assist with the development and execution of emergency exercises and constantly work to improve Granby's capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

The Granby Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) falls under Emergency Management. They are a team of 28 residents who train monthly and are available to assist during local or statewide emergencies or community events. The main mission of the team is to assist with the operation of an emergency shelter, but can be activated by the Emergency Management Director for other needs of the town. This year Granby CERT has documented approximately 275 hours which includes all training and activated events.

This past October the Town of Granby participated in a statewide drill. This event focused on a severe weather event at an occupied school building. All town agencies participated in the drill. A severe weather event is just one component to the school safety and security plan and this plan is exercised several times throughout the school year.

One new program which was implemented this year was Students Tools for Emergency Preparedness (STEP). This FEMA program takes about an hour and its objective is for

5th grade students to go home and educate their family on emergency preparedness, make a plan, design a go kit, and to develop an emergency family communications plan. At the conclusion of the event each student receives a backpack which can be used as their own go kit. The goal is to make this program an annual event.

As a resident, we ask that you be prepared and stay aware. Have a kit, which should contain 72 hours of your basic needs: food, water, medicine, etc. We also ask that you be aware that information is available through news media, the internet, and by you signing up for our emergency notification system. The town can send messages to your home and cell phones, email address, and even a text, but you must register for this information. Look for the CT Alert Link on the Town of Granby website. If you have already registered for notifications, it is a good time to sign into the website to ensure all contacts are up-to-date.

The CERT team would be happy to meet with town groups or organizations to discuss emergency preparedness. To schedule an event call 860-844-5321.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a five member board with three alternates, elected to interpret and vary the application of the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent and to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, or decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled nineteen requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations, granting sixteen and denying three. There was also a request under CGS, Sec. 14.54(b) that was granted. The requests more than doubled, as compared to FY 2014-2015.

MAY 2017

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Incidents

RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. The Park and Recreation Board is a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen and may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive and fun experiences for ages 3-18 in a recreational atmosphere which include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as adult drop-in basketball, exercise classes, knitting, sewing, and more. We also coordinate a variety of bus trips throughout the year with neighboring communities.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for the town for major events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and limited horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playgrounds, and a dog park. Each year Salmon Brook Park is host to summer concerts and events, a large lacrosse tournament, a fall fair, and countless games and practices for the local athletic leagues.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes day camp programs, tennis lessons, and a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy cooling off in a natural setting.

The Granby Recreation Department has had significant growth in the number of programs available. In the

2015-16 fiscal year program registrations increased by nearly 23% over the previous year. Many new programs have been added including additional after school programs, adult craft programs, and youth sports clinics. Very popular this past year were the new Paint Nights, Comedy Night, and Irish Music Night at the new North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm. The North Barn, as well as the Salmon Brook Park House, is available to anyone interested in renting these facilities for their reception, party or other events. A photo gallery of pictures for all rental facilities can be found on our website at www.GranbyRec.com





OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder - DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Granby Police Department. Hours of availability for routine matters are Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. The MACO is assigned the responsibility of investigating and taking any appropriate enforcement actions regarding incidents involving domestic animals. Matters involving wildlife are referred to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) or nuisance wildlife operators licensed by the DEEP.

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at Salmon Brook Street. The shelter provides a safe haven for roaming dogs which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are conducted. The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding and other supplies, which are greatly appreciated and facilitates the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter. Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping

off donations by contacting the MACO through the police department at 860-844-5335.

For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint

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Roaming Dog	222
Barking Dogs	37
Nuisance Dogs	9
Dog/Cat Bites	7
Cat Complaints	
Cruelty Complaints	
Abandoned Dogs	9
Other (farm animals, horses,	
cows, goats, chickens)	228
Total number of Complaints	
Investigated	639
Animals Impounded	
Redeemed by Owner	68
Rabies	0

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The director oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Wetlands consultant. He also makes regular site visits, works to establish public improvement bonds and fees in lieu of open space, and maintains the GIS system. This office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program; is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program; and serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Census Bureau, and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Development Commission, and assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Conservation Commission. The Department provides information as requested by other Boards and Commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

In addition to the work associated with the above responsibilities, in fiscal year 2015-16, the director continued to work with the Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee on the re-write of the 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development. The update has been completed and the process for approval has begun. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in the first quarter of the next fiscal year. The director continually works on land use applications and regularly works on grant applications, statistical outlines and analysis, various legal matters, FOI requests, and similar subjects. During this fiscal year the town was pleased to learn that the State Department of Housing approved the town's \$800,000 Small Cities Community Block Grant Application. The Office of Community Development initiated this project and spent many hours preparing key elements of the application and coordinating the activities necessary to meet the application requirements. The grant funds will be used for significant and necessary renovations and improvements at the Salmon Brook Elderly Housing Complex.

This year the director continued to work with the

State Department of Transportation (DOT) on proposed roadway improvements within the Town Center and on the East Street/Route 10/Notch Road intersection. Concerns regarding both of these areas have been a regular topic for over 20 years. Following action by the Board of Selectmen, the State DOT has committed to move forward with the final design. Following the design approval, the areas will be reconstructed making them safer and more efficient.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth.

In this fiscal year the Commission met numerous times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission regularly discusses ideas and methods of improving the Granby economy and makes recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities.

This year the members discussed the on-going update of the Plan of Conservation and Development, as two Development Commission members were on the Plan Subcommittee. This provided the members with a unique understanding of the state of development in Granby and the surrounding towns and the anticipated changes expected to occur throughout the state in the coming years. Upon final adoption of the Plan the members intend to review specific recommendations of the Plan that they may be interested in pursuing. The members provided support for the 2016 Small Cities Application for improvements to the Salmon Brook Elderly Apartments, finding that the apartments have been a significant asset for both the tenants and the Granby Community for over 25 years, recognizing the need for the proposed improvements to the facility, and strongly supporting the proposed funding necessary to undertake the improvements. The \$800,000 grant was approved.

The members toured the 2 Park Place facility with the new owner. The former residential home has been redesigned as Personalized Work (office) Spaces. This year construction began on the Greenway Village, a 34 unit apartment complex. The Commission had strongly supported the development which will provide residents with modern apartment living, while increasing the town's tax base. Other positive developments include the expansion of Beman's Hardware, the opening of Anytime Fitness, the opening of @ The Barn, the renovation of 35 Hartford Avenue for Salmon Brook Dental Associates, the conversion of 2 Park Place into a cutting edge work environment, the conversion of 308 Salmon Brook Street for the Studio 17 Hair Salon, the expansion of Peppermill Country Deli and Bakery, and the opening of American Muscle Cycle Works at 561 Salmon Brook Street.

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BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on the assessments from aggrieved taxpayers and reviewing valuations set by the Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review and adjustment, before appeal is made to the courts. In exercising its functions as an appeal agency, the Board may reduce or increase a taxpayer's assessment through valuation change. The Board may also add to the Assessor's list the names of any property owners omitted and make supplemental lists of any taxable property omitted by the Assessor.

The Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Granby is comprised of three elected Granby residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed two appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2015. Of the properties reviewed, one property was decreased due to the condition at the time of purchase and the other the Board determined that the assessment was fair and equitable and no changes were made.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2015-2016 school year was an extremely challenging, disruptive, transitional, and yet, successful year. It was a year of change for the school community as the Board of Education implemented a plan to close the F.M. Kearns Primary School and reorganize the district to accommodate for declining student enrollment. Renovations of the new Kelly Lane Primary School will be complete for the fall of 2016.

Other notable events included the transition of two new administrators (middle school principal and business manager), as well as a successful budget referendum; action planning around the Board goals; recognition of Kelly Lane Intermediate School as a School of Distinction; recognition of Wells Road Intermediate School as a Connecticut School for Exemplary Climate Practices; momentum and coherence provided by the district mission; commitment and progress around improving student writing; implementation of one-to-one computing and primary school Spanish; expansion of summer school opportunities; success of the integrated pre-school program; and achievements of extracurricular clubs, athletic teams, and individual students.

A relatively low cost-per-student spending and high levels of student achievement continue to guarantee the community a high return on educational investment. Granby is a great place to live and work and the town's quality of life is enhanced by the school system. The Connecticut Magazine and Hartford Magazine have consistently rated the town highly in the education category for small towns.

In the fall of 2016, in addition to the changes associated with the new school reconfiguration; the district looks forward to expanding intermediate school enrichment programming; one-to-one computing for



Grades 6-12; the arts; high school course offerings; and commencement of the high school accreditation self-study process.

Granby's spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations actively support Granby Public Schools and the reputation of the school system has only been possible with this high level of community support. The district thanks everyone who volunteers or donates their time and talents to make Granby a great New England school system.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is proud to report a fourth consecutive year of excellence in practice, as we have been awarded, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, with a 2016 Home Care Elite, Top 500 Award. Consistent with the goals of both federal and state mandates, the town residents can feel confident that the care given from all of the VNA services are of a high quality, marked with excellent patient outcomes and satisfaction. The VNA has accomplished many strides in growth this past year, assuring the Board of Directors that continued support for remaining free-standing and independent is truly an achievable goal.

The Right to Choice within the home care industry has been a campaign that the VNA continues to reinforce with numerous presentations to business and community groups. The agency has seen record numbers of patients choosing to utilize our hospice services, and the hospice program has added on a new benefit of pet therapy to aide in the care of those dealing with chronic illness at the end of life. The number of participants that chose the Farmington Valley VNA rose in this last year. Our Care of the Sick Home Care Services has seen an increase in the number of referrals and we have been successful in helping more individuals recover in the comfort of their own home.

The VNA continues with its commitment to provide community programs that support health and wellness initiatives. A record 1,126 town participants took advantage of free blood pressure screenings. Program nurses administered 375 immunizations at several scheduled Flu and Pneumonia Clinics. We also continue to have excellent town volunteer support and continued ability to provide the Granby Food Bank with over 2,389 bags of groceries and household items given out to patrons making 1,386 visits. This is a joint service that the VNA provides with the Department of Human Services to support those town residents who qualify for these types of health related services.

This past year has also seen an increase in the utilization of our School Nursing program. Under a joint contract with the Board of Education, the VNA continues to support Granby with the staffing for school nurses. They too have seen record needs of over 20,000 health related visits to the nurses in all of the school settings. Our nurses not only tend to the day-to-day needs of the students, but also attend all field trips and overnight school educational trips, as well as summer school programs. The special medical needs of the children have been tended to without incident and this allows all children the ability to participate in all activities safely.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to be committed to serving the residents of Granby in a number of ways, all with the goals of assisting in the health and wellness of all. Our mission continues along the guiding principle that regardless of ability to pay and with no discriminations, we serve those in need. We are pleased to continue the work we do with the town and look towards many years in the future as needs and issues change to be the provider that all can count on.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit **www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org**

AUGUST 2017

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"Public Works Makes it Happen" is a slogan that the New England American Public Works Association Chapter adopted in an effort to recognize all of the hard work and dedication that goes into maintaining towns and cities.

The Town of Granby Department of Public Works (DPW) continued to be very busy implementing and overseeing many projects approved

by voters last year. At the Salmon Brook Park an additional parking area was constructed to better serve residents as they use the many facilities the park has to offer. Improvement to the roadway leading to the pavilions and recreation building were completed and overlaid with bituminous concrete making a much smother surface.

On Buttles Road, Old Simsbury Road, Oakwood Drive, and sections of Glen Road and Canton Road drainage system repairs were completed and the roadway was topped off with a final two-inch coat of bituminous concrete. Several roadside drainage areas were cleared to ensure water passage. Guardrails continue to be replaced as needed, signs are replaced or repaired whenever there is a need to do so, and site lines are cleared of debris on an ongoing basis. Street sweeping mileage totaled 65 miles with developments being the primary focus. During the fall of each year, leaves and debris are removed from the road edges to improve water flow. This keeps the water from entering roadways and prevents freezing over during winter months as well as gutter washouts. Approximately 850 catch basins are cleaned and inspected annually.

Although it was one of the lightest winters in many years, Public Works crews were deployed for seven storms and ten call outs last winter, keeping roads open and safe. Around twelve inches of snow fell on town roads. DPW utilized 752 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads.

Building maintenance activities remain busy as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities the town offers. We have skilled carpenters on staff, along with crew members who have knowledge in general electrical, HVAC, and plumbing skills.

Our mechanics service over 60 pieces of equipment ranging from string trimmers to a L90 loader. Also included are Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agency vehicles. Over 4,000 hours are dedicated to repair and preventive maintenance.

From the spring to the fall, DPW employees logged over 1,000 hours of mower time in addition to the many hours of string trimming, maintaining flower beds, irrigation system repairs, and tree trimming activities. The department strives to meet the demands of all the varied activities that take place in our parks.

The Transfer Station is manned by our certified part-time employees who are always helpful and willing to lend a hand to residents. We continue to work with the State of Connecticut to provide recycling opportunities for our residents; as such, the transfer station accepts electronics, paint, batteries, light bulbs/lamps, oil, and mattresses/box springs free-of-charge.

Additional services to our residents include our yearly Shred-It event which is held at the DPW garage once a year, allowing residents to bring in personal items to be shredded. The department also joins with the towns of Avon, Canton, Farmington and Simsbury to hold three Household Hazardous Waste Collections each year.

Our Department of Public Works crew is proud of the professional work we do and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and provide service for our residents.

SEPTEMBER 2017

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

The town's Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E., provides a wide range of services to the town. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts field inspections to assure that construction is in compliance with engineering standards and specifications. He prepares engineering drawings for town improvements and specific projects. The Town Engineer reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development and the Director of Public Works. He also inspects projects approved by the Land Use Commission to assure they are in compliance with the engineering details of the approvals. The Town Engineer is available to attend the meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and others as necessary. He is also available to meet with citizens and developers to review proposals, offer suggestions, and make recommendations on a wide variety of issues and concerns.

This year the Town Engineer continued work on the Holcomb Farm redevelopment plans and improvements and the Salmon Brook Street sidewalk project. He worked on drainage improvements for areas such as Quarry Road, Loomis Street, Old Simsbury Road, and property on East Street. He made regular inspections on the construction of Gatehouse Road, prepared reports, and upon completion recommended acceptance. He worked on the Tilcon earth excavation renewal request and continued to inspect the Clemons Spring and Shepherds Way private road subdivisions. He regularly comments on erosion and sedimentation control plans and on public sewer improvements, repairs, and connections.

During this fiscal year, Gatehouse Road was accepted as a town road, and two private roads remained under construction.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The focus of the Social Services Department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services, to increase community awareness of these services, and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. Services offered directly through this office include:

ENERGY ASSISTANCE: Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 98 households to assist in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$6,946 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF:

Thirty-two applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in total rebates of over \$15,000 that are divided among qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT: More than 200 participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from an organizational share of Holcomb Farm's Community supported Agriculture (CSA) Program. In addition, 12 Granby families received CSA gifted shares.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Through the generosity of the Granby Community Fund, Special Assistance Fund, the Salvation Army, churches, businesses, civic organizations, youth groups, and many individuals and families, the Local Assistance Fund received over \$24,000 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Fifty-seven households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a townwide effort of concern and generosity provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to 59 households, and holiday gifts to 47 children.

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	BOS 9	P&R 10	BOE 11	12	13	14
	MFC Columbus Day	CC P&Z COA GDC	AC YSBAB IWWC			
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22	BOS GLB	ZBA 24	BOE 25	26	27	28
	BOF	P&Z				
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TOWN MEETING KEY

COACommission on Aging	9:30 a.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
CCConservation Commission	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
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HOLCOMB FARM

Holcomb Farm's 367 acres of rich rolling meadows, densely wooded forest, and pristine brooks are located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby. The farm was gifted to the town by Tudor and Laura Holcomb and now serves as a community resource.

The Holcomb Farm facility is utilized by a number of local groups for meetings including: The Friends of Holcomb Farm, Inc., Granby Land Trust, Granby 4-H Club, and Granby Horse Council and for other purposes as well. The farm is also host to the Friends of the Granby Public Library's Annual Used Book Sale, the Granby Artists Association's Holiday Art Show, and Family Fun Day.

The Board of Directors of The Friends of Holcomb Farm, Inc., a non-profit agency, provides stewardship for the CSA, Fresh Access, and trails. Holcomb Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is one of the oldest in the state, sustainably growing a wide variety of fresh vegetables without any chemical pesticides on over 20 acres of land. Sustainable practices are used to grow healthy food while improving the soils and the watershed. We harvested over 100,000 lbs. in 2015, serving over 400 local households. Holcomb Farm's Fresh Access program raises funds to purchase some of the CSA produce for distribution to seniors, at-risk families, and others in need in Granby and the region. With the support of our contributors,

last year Fresh Access distributed over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce.

Holcomb Farm's trails are open to the public daily from dawn-to-dusk. Over 10 miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are maintained year-round.

The Town of Granby has seen a large increase in activity at the Holcomb Farm recently. During the summer of 2015 the Holcomb Farm North Pavilion came online as the town's newest multipurpose gathering facility. During the first fiscal year of operation the North Barn Pavilion was utilized for wedding receptions, birthday and holiday parties, reunions, and other celebratory gatherings and meetings. At the farm last year, the Recreation Department hosted a Comedy Night, an Irish Music Night, and Watercolor Paint Nights. The events were very popular with locals and filled up quickly.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year the Town of Granby completed work on the expanded parking area and worked to add lighting around the buildings and parking areas in effort to make them safer for everyone. Additional work completed at the Farm included: carpet replacement and painting in the Main Barn as well as various landscaping projects around the property.

Holcomb Farm has continued to be a vibrant place for the community to gather and enjoy the amazing natural beauty of our community.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission consists of seven appointed members who advocate on the environmental matters for the town. During the past year, membership has changed. New members Peter Jalbert and Barry Avery were appointed to the Commission and Lana Torres was reappointed to the Commission. Chairperson Anna Sogliuzzo resigned from the Commission after guiding it through four years of change in purpose and composition. Vickie Dirienzo was selected as the new Chairman of the Commission and Bill Sleavin was chosen as Vice-chairman.

During the past year the Commission has provided information regarding the requirements of becoming a "Bike Friendly" town, co-hosted an energy meeting, and evaluated solar information. Members of the Commission have attended the Plan of Conservation and Development meetings, arboretum planning meetings, and the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC) meetings.

Commission members reviewed the past projects and began working on updating the Conservation Commission website, getting Granby students involved in the Backyard Bird Study taking place in February 2017, and continuing with the GPS trail mapping.

The Conservation Commission continues to promote environmental issues in town with participation at the Celebrate Granby event, the new website, and working with the schools and scouts in town. The Commission has also reviewed the Plan of Conservation and Development and will be implementing those suggestions in the next fiscal year.

NOVEMBER 2017

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Daylight Saving		P&R	AC YSBAB		MFC	
Time Ends	BOS	Election Day	IWWC		Veteran's Day Observed	Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	COA GDC GLB	CC P&Z	BOE			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	BOS	ZBA		SR MFC Thanksgiving Day *	SR MFC	
26	27	28	29	30		Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the
	BOF	P&Z				Town Clerk's Office.
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TOWN MEETING KEY:

ACAgricultural Commission	. 7:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm.
Board of Assessment Appeals	.Call Town Hall for dates & times
BOEBoard of Education	. 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
BOFBoard of Finance	.7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
BOSBoard of Selectmen	. 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2015-2016 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 14 regular meetings. At these meetings the members discussed, considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit requests, site plan modifications, zoning amendments and changes, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions, made site visits, and acted on various matters as required.

For a complete review of all commission activities, please visit the Town of Granby website at www.granby-ct.gov, where minutes of each meeting can be found under the heading: Agendas & Minutes.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 17 new applications. Of these, one was denied, one was withdrawn, 13 were approved and two applications remained pending a decision. The revenue generated from these applications for the town was \$3,022. An additional \$986 was forwarded to the state as required. Two new building lots were approved during this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2015-2016 the Commission:

- Approved a Special Permit for a salon at 308 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for a rear lot for property at 136 Loomis Street
- Approved a Special Permit for a barn at 97 Petersen Road
- Amended a Special Permit for the Clark Farms, Bushy Hill Orchard
- Approved a Special Permit for a rear lot at 291 Mountain Road
- Denied a customary home occupation in an outbuilding at 80 Canal Road
- Approved a Special Permit for Anytime Fitness at 9 Bank Street

- Approved a Special Permit for a garage at 14 Loveland Road
- Approved a Special Permit for the serving of alcoholic beverages at 9 Mill Pond Drive
- Approved a Special Permit for a garage at 239 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for a motor vehicle repair and motorcycle sales for property at 561 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for a garage at 114 East Street
- Approved a Special Permit for personal service at 2 Park Place
- Approved a Special Permit for a garage at 48 Cider Mill Heights

In this year, the PZC recommended the acceptance of Gatehouse Road as a town road. To date, of the 12 approved lots, eight homes have been completed. Also this year, the Greenway Village, a 34 unit apartment complex approved by the Commission in 2014, is under construction.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

All towns in Connecticut are authorized by the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act to regulate wetlands and watercourses. In Granby, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing the boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have adverse impacts to regulated natural resources. Generally, the Commission reviews all activities within the wetlands and watercourses and reviews activities that are outside of these areas but within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses. Wetlands

applications and operations are administered through the Office of Community Development.

In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Commission held six meetings and acted on five requests for review and four permit applications. All permits were approved by the Commission. The Commission delegated minimal impact permits to the Wetland Agent for approval. Minimal impact permits are for activities that occur in the upland review area that are unlikely to have any impact on adjacent wetlands or watercourses. The Commission also determined that proposed activities, such as agricultural operations, were either exempt from permitting by statute or were not regulated activities. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but assisted applicants in an effort to minimize wetland impacts with constructive modifications or conditions of approval. The Wetland Agent conducted several inspections of on-going projects to ensure compliance with permit conditions and inspected several other activities to determine if permits were required.

Dave Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. The town contracts with a Soil Scientist that provides the services of Kate Bednaz of Freshwater Wetland Services as the town's Wetland Agent. Ms. Bednaz is a consistent advocate of environmental sustainability. She has quickly developed an excellent rapport with the Commission members. Working in both the public and private sectors, Ms. Bednaz has a unique understanding of the latest available tools and techniques to reduce the impacts of development proposals and the knowledge to employ the regulatory process to assure that such methods are used and used properly.

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	BOS	ZBA	ВОЕ	First Day of Winter		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	SR MFC	P&Z BOF				
New Year's Eve	Christmas Day*	SR	SR	SR	SR	

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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Overview: Both libraries experienced a busy year with several special initiatives on the drawing board, in addition to our normal daily operations. In December 2015, the new Children's Circulation Desk was installed and dedicated with a plaque recognizing the generosity of the *Granby Library Association* for this gift. In April 2016, Cossitt Library began its 125th Anniversary Year; kicking off with the Curator from the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center speaking on *Her Words Changed the World*. Throughout 2016 special events will highlight Cossitt's 125 years of continuous service to the residents of Granby.

Public Programs and Outreach: The summer kicked off with Every Hero has a Story! at Granby Public Library (GPL), which was the National 2015 Summer Reading Program for kids, while Cossitt Library hosted Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My! Children's story times, Zumba, Legos, and more were offered throughout the year, encouraging children to read and explore their world. GPL offered a new summer book and film series, Impressionistic Sweep, exploring the lives and works of several impressionist artists.

Come autumn GPL offered a Memoir Writing workshop series, Cossitt continued to host its Tuesday Evening Writers and a special program on Haunted House Diaries, focusing on haunted houses in the CT region. GPL hosted another book and film series, Expeditions: India, a historical lecture by Carol Laun of Salmon Brook Historical Society and several workshops for writers during National Novel Writing Month (November).

The Friends of Cossitt and the Friends of Granby Public Library co-hosted a special holiday musical event at Lost Acres Vineyard on December 5th, featuring the chamber ensemble, *Entwyned*, which was a wonderful way to start the holiday season. In the new year, our WinterFest series offered several popular Sunday programs featuring gardening, composting, aromatherapy and more. In April our libraries participated in the state-wide *Passport to CT Libraries* program, encouraging more than 290+ of our patrons to explore the wonderful libraries throughout our state.

Our popular book clubs continued throughout the year: Something about the Author, the Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club, All Around the World, and the UnBook Club – all free and open to the public.

Online Resources and Services: The libraries continued to expand our online resources by adding more digital magazines to *Zinio*, augmenting our *OverDrive* ebook content, as well as adding to our *OneClick Digital* for more ebooks. Patrons and residents can keep in touch with the libraries via our enewsletters, our Facebook Page, and Pinterest.

Volunteers and Support Groups: The libraries benefit from our volunteers who log over 900+ hours a year! We are grateful to the Friends of Cossitt Library, the Friends of Granby Public Library (FOGPL), the Granby Library Association (GLA), and the Granby Library Board, whose continued support makes the libraries so much better.

Special Thanks: Our continued thanks to GLA and FOGPL for approving funds for the Reading Terrace furnishings, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Bressor for the donation of two wrought iron benches for Granby Public Library. We hope that the Terrace will officially open by late summer 2016. The Friends of Cossitt Library generously approved a granite and bronze dedication plaque, to note the 125th Anniversary of Cossitt Library, which will be installed and dedicated in early Fall 2016.

Circulation Statistics: Total transactions reached 254,125 (excluding database usage) for FY2015-16. The libraries processed 13,787 holds within the Consortium, despite the breakdown of the CCAR delivery system last winter and the state-imposed restrictions this spring. Attendance at library programs reached 4,702; 357 new patrons registered for library cards, and 5,264 new items were added to the combined collections.

PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury. Cynthia C. Becker is the Probate Judge. The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and is open Monday from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Online information about the court is available on our website, located at **www.jud.ct.gov**, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website. A complete copy of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure can be found at the judicial website: http://jud.ct.gov/probate.CourtRules/default.htm and a list of the new Probate Court forms can be found at **www.ctprobate.gov**.

The mission of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court is to assist individuals and families residing in the district who require the services of the court in an efficient and compassionate manner. The probate court strives to ease the process as much as possible knowing that during stressful times it is difficult to cope with the unknown.

Although the staff and judge cannot provide legal advice to the users of the court, informational pamphlets are available and questions are always welcome. In addition, Judge Becker, in her capacity as Judge of Probate, is available to speak to community groups about probate matters.

Connecticut probate courts have jurisdiction over probating of wills, administration and settlement of decedent's estates, overseeing the carrying out of the terms and provisions of testamentary and living (inter vivos) trusts, and reviewing the accountings of trustees. In addition, probate courts appoint, supervise, and remove conservators of the person and estate of individuals incapable of managing their personal or financial affairs due to mental or physical disability. These areas represent over half of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court's workload.

The probate court also has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians of the property and persons of minors and persons with developmental disabilities; the removal of unfit parents as guardians of their children; the termination of parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities; the adjudication of paternity of children born out of wedlock, and the finalization of adoptions. These matters make up about one third of the court's caseload, but are some of the most sensitive and time-consuming responsibilities of the court.

While probate courts have jurisdiction to authorize the commitment of those suffering from mental illness, or drug or alcohol addiction to appropriate hospitals or facilities for treatment, these cases represent a small percentage of the court's workload due mainly to the absence of psychiatric facilities in the region.

During the past year, 159 applications were accepted for probate of decedent's estates. In addition, 151 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The Court also processed 29 applications for conservatorships, and several applications for guardianships of the estate and person of minors, guardianships of the intellectually disabled, termination of parental rights, approval of adoptions, name changes, and inter vivos trust matters.

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list and value all taxable real estate, motor vehicles and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest and open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with the local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment from the 2013 Grand List to the 2014 Grand List was 5,594,350, a .58% increase. This was due mostly to an increase in Real Estate because of many people renovating their existing homes and putting additions on.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 10,604,186 generating \$384,100 in revenue. This was a slight increase from the previous year which seems to indicate that people are willing to purchase new vehicles.

The Connecticut State Law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2012. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2017. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at **www.granby-ct.gov**.

	2013 Grand List <u>Fiscal Year</u> 2014-2015	2014 Grand List <u>Fiscal Year</u> 2015-2016
REAL ESTATE	852,289,420	856,542,080
MOTOR VEHICLES	87,870,220	88,087,910
PERSONAL PROPERTY	19,993,660	21,117,660
Net Grand List	960,153,300	965,747,650
MV Supple. Grand List Tax Exempt Real Estate	10,208,907 61,487,970	10,604,186 64,457,790

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The April 26, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary saw a 60% voter turnout in Granby. The option to register and make changes online 24/7 at: https:// voterregistration.ct.gov/ has helped a record number of voters in FY 2016, nearly 500 voters. The Registrar's office is diligently working to ensure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During FY 2016 we added 602 new voters, changed 869 records, and removed 535 voters from our official voter registry. As of July 1, 2016 there were 7,046 active registered voters in Granby; 2,609 Unaffiliated, 2,356 Republican, 1,990 Democrat, 70 Independent, 5 Green, and 16 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there was a Republican primary in August, a statewide election in November, and a budget referendum in April.

The current Registrars are Laura Wolfe (Democrat), and Paul Willis (Republican). Registrar responsibilities include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda and certifying the official voter list. In addition, the Registrars must now attain state certification by July 1, 2017. This new state program will involve 26 hours of college level coursework at the University of Connecticut. A minimum of ten hours of accredited training per year is required to maintain certification. The Registrars also attend quarterly Hartford County meetings and biannual state conferences to keep up with legislative and technology changes. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers. Required training for poll workers is available at different times to accommodate the varying needs of our poll workers.

Registrar office hours are Wednesdays at the Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: **vr.granby.ct@gmail.com** or leave a voice-mail message at: 860-844-5322.

SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the Granby Senior Center is to empower older adults to live full, independent lives by providing leadership on aging issues and enhancing the social, physical and educational well-being for each participating individual.

The Granby Senior Center was awarded Center of Excellence by the National Institute of Senior Centers for achieving national accreditation in July 2015. It is recognized for its outstanding, well-qualified team of staff; great community support and many collaborative partners; and it's beautiful, well maintained facility. The accreditation committee also identified the Civic Engagement Team as a best practice model for self-directed teams of volunteers citing the Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet as a first class example.

Research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction. The Senior Center offers opportunities to stay healthy through exercise classes, wellness programs and clinics, support groups, a congregate meal program, and social activities.

Number of Events at Center 2,346
Congregate Meals Served 3,427
Civic Engagement Team
Volunteer Hours532
Thanksgiving Luncheon Meals Served 117
Holcomb Farm Produce Program145
WELLNESS CLINICS
Blood Pressure Screening
Foot Care Appointments
Hearing Screenings
Healthy Minds Sessions152
Chair Massage90
Reiki
Dental Clinic Appointments30

VAN SERVICE

Van Riders	180
Hours of Operation	2,054
Passenger Trips	6,168
Miles Traveled	26,225
Day Trips	91
Medical Appointments	540

Testimonials:

The Senior Center has changed my life! I have found intellectual stimulation through participating with the Civic Engagement Team; benefited from the wonderful foot care service; and maintained my balance with the Chair Yoga class. – Diane Neumann-Hernsdorf

In the past few years when Mom and Dad could no longer drive, the Senior Center became the source of all their recreation. It was their way of being involved and continuing their social life. It was at least a couple of times a week that we did not have to worry about them. – Dorcus Forsyth, daughter of Roy and Audrey Seaton

Coming from where I was (England) we had nothing like this. The Senior Center is absolutely marvelous! I go on all the trips to get to know the place and most times we stop for lunch which saves me from having to make my own. The van is terrific! – William Taylor

I absolutely love it! This is my first experience in using a Senior Center and I am so happy with it. I enjoy the Needle Workers group; what a great group of women who talk about such a wide variety of topics. I have made use of the fresh vegetables (from Holcomb Farm) and tried the meal program. The meals aren't always great but I understand it's hard to please every diet. – Beth Bumgardner



Glassblowing Trip



Painting Class

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YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Action Council (YAC) continues its long history of community service. Hosting two 6th grade dances, they raised money to support the annual YAC scholarship. Additionally, they took part in leadership development exercises, reported on youth issues to both the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen, and worked on new ideas for next year when the 6th graders move into the Middle School. They planned a kick off Harvest Dance for late September 2016.



GO! expanded last year to include GO! Girls as well as the GO! Guy's group. The girls were off and running this year, with four successful sessions of outdoor adventures, crafts, and friendships. Holcomb Farm is the home base for our GO! programs, providing a kid friendly indoor space, a kitchen useful to make some pretty awesome snacks, and access to the fantastic trails and outdoor space on the farm.



GO! Girls are FIERCE!

We continue to improve our social media footprint. Our Facebook page now regularly shares posts to popular pages around town increasing our connection to the community. Our newly designed website can be found at: **www.GranbyYouthServiceBureau.com** has increased views over the course of the year and is becoming a relied upon place for community members to stay in touch with what's going on at the YSB.

Our counseling services continue to provide a valuable service to the youth and families of Granby. We welcomed practicum student Avina Johnson to the staff, and after a successful year with us we are happy to announce that she will continue with us as an intern for the 2016-2017 year. The counseling staff continues to strive to support the youth and families of Granby with professional counseling services provided close to home in a safe and confidential setting. In January the agency switched to a cloud based electronic record keeping system. HIPAA compliant, this switch will improve the accuracy of our records moving forward.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 954 permits with a total constructed value of \$12,158,678 during Fiscal Year 2015-2016. New home construction continued to rebound from the recent recession and many residents did substantial renovations and additions to existing homes. Significant projects during the year included the beginning of construction of the Greenway Village apartments on Mill Pond Drive. Many residents installed solar photovoltaic systems and other energy conservation systems on their homes. In addition to the services provided to Granby residents, the Department also provides inspection services to the Town of Hartland.

During this fiscal year the Building Department issued 116 permits in Hartland. The Department also participates in a mutual aid agreement with the East Granby, Suffield, Simsbury, and Canton Building Departments. This agreement provides valuable support during vacation periods and emergencies.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the Connecticut State Building Code, our Department provides administrative support to the Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Wetlands Agent, and several of the land use boards and commissions. The Building Official also

serves as Zoning Enforcement Officer and is responsible for reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding these regulations.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact us to discuss plans for proposed projects and with any related building code questions. The Department maintains files containing valuable information on most buildings constructed in modern times which can be useful in the planning process. The goal of the Department is to ensure a safe-built environment for all of Granby's citizens.

Building Permits Issued	Number of Permits	Total Construction Cost	
New	8	1,411,000	
Mechanical Permits	528	2,062,718	
All other Permits	418	8,684,960	
	954	\$12,158,678	

		All Other Permits		Home Permits		New Home	
Total	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Year	
\$12,158,678	954	\$10,747,678	946	\$1,411,000	8	2015-16	
13,207,607	993	11,321,607	986	1,886,000	10	2014-15	
8,618,529	1,047	6,245,665	1,036	2,372,864	11	2013-14	
7,642,685	1,015	6,509,222	1,009	1,133,463	6	2012-13	
9,197,823	1,025	8,453,823	1,022	744,000	3	2011-12	
6,893,696	772	5,927,285	767	966,411	5	2010-11	
7,581,633	690	6,473,963	684	1,107,670	6	2009-10	

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) is the local health department for the town of Granby.

As part of our responsibilities to track and monitor the health status of the communities we serve, this year FVHD completed the first phase of a community health assessment. This document describes the major health issues affecting the community and will serve as a planning document for prioritization of public health programs and services.

FVHD launched Resilience Grows Here, an initiative focused on the mental health needs of veterans, active duty military, their families, and young men. Funded by the Prevention Institute, the initiative is focusing on community conditions that support good mental health while working to destigmatize mental illness.

Recognizing that the proportion of the population 50 years of age and older is increasing, FVHD now offers evidence-based programs in fall prevention and chronic disease management. The Matter of Balance program has been shown to reduce falls in the elderly, the leading cause of hospitalizations among the population 65 years of age and older.

FVHD continues to track and monitor emerging public health issues including Zika and vaccine preventable disease outbreaks and provides factual information on health topics through the FVHD www.fvhd.org and Facebook page.

Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public's health is protected when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon, or drinking water from a private well. The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.

Permits Issued:

Food Service Establishments	. 48
Temporary Food Service	. 27
Salons	. 13
New Septic	. 12
Septic Repair	.47
Well	. 10

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:

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New Septic
Septic Repair
Public Bathing1
Food Service Establishments
Complaints (ALL)
Salons
Day Care



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APPOINTED TOWN **OFFICIALS**

Administration Finance Officer, Barbarajean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer, Jennifer Abalan

Building Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer, William R. Volovski

Chief of Police. Carl G. Rosensweig

Collector of Revenue. Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community Development, Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health. Jennifer C. Kertanis

Director of Human Services, Sandra J. Yost

Director of Library Services, Kathleen E. Marszycki

Director of Public Works, Kirk A. Severance

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, Thomas J. Tyburski

Fire Chief, John E. Horr, Jr. Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, Joseph R. Killen

Tax Assessor, Susan J. Altieri Town Clerk, Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer, Kevin W. Clark

Town Manager, William F. Smith, Ir.

Town Treasurer. Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

B. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman Sally S. King Iames C. Lofink Mark C. Neumann Edward E. Ohannessian

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr., Chairman Gordon C. Bischoff William I. Kennedy Frederick A. Moffa. OD Kelly O. Rome Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

Ronald S. Walther, Chairman Jenny P. Emery Mark H. Fiorentino Lynn F. Guelzow Melissa E. Migliaccio Stephen P. Royer Rosemarie T. Weber

Planning & Zoning Commission

Paula H. Johnson, Chairman Jonathan T. Boardman Margaret A. Chapple Charles O. Kraiza Mark W. Lockwood Eric L. Lukingbeal James R. Sansone

Planning & Zoning **Commission Alternates**

Christine L. Chinni Eric W. Myers

Town Moderator

John E. Adams

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman Ann Crimmins Judy A. Goff Robert M. Lindeyer William L. Percival

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Christopher M. Roughton William P. O'Leary Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman Celia Eggert James R. Sansone

Registrar of Voters

Paul R. Willis Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Cvnthia C. Becker

State Representative

William J. Simanski, 62nd District

State Senator

John A. Kissel. 7th District Kevin D. Witkos. 8th District

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal Christopher S. Murphy

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agricultural Commission

Michelle A. Niedermeyer, Chairman Pamela D. Burek Mark D. Higby John D. O'Brien Erin S. Pirro Ellen L. Whitlow

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick. Chairman Neil W. Kraner Kathryn M. Miller Shirley R. Ryan Patricia E. Sansone Donna M. Snyder Bruce W. Sullivan David L. Watkins

Conservation Commission

Victoria K. Dirienzo, Chairman Barry K. Avery Matthew L. Brady Peter L. Jalbert William J. Sleavin Lana M. Torres

Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager, Chairman James K. Caldwell Henry F. Garrett, Jr. Kenneth O. Kuhl Daniel O'Connell Robert I. Rome

Inland Wetlands and **Watercourses Commission**

David W. Tolli, Chairman Wayne J. Cahoon Frederic B. Iones John L. Laudati Aurelle S. Locke Craig W. Perry Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board

Maureen Eberly, Chairman Carol Y. Bressor Robert P. Donna Judy A. Goff Judith A. Guarco Patricia M. Jones Patricia L. Kennedy Lynn G. Lochhead Jennifer N. Pizzanello

Park & Recreation Board

Brigid R. Gunn, Chairman Jennifer P. Bilodeau L. Squire Bressor Susan M. Lasotta Abigail D. Roughton Kathy D. Ungerleider Suzanne L. Yucha

For further information on Community Agencies, see Town of Granby website:

www.granbv-ct.gov

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TOWN SERVICES

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^{*} Town Hall Offices are open Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,
Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment

MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission Second Wednesday7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Education First and Third Wednesday
Board of Finance Fourth Monday
Board of Selectmen First and Third Monday
Board of Assessment Appeals During the Month of March
Commission on Aging Second Monday
Conservation Commission Second Tuesday
Granby Development Commission Second Monday
Granby Library Board Second Monday7:00 p.m. Granby Public Library/Cossitt Library
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission Second Wednesday
Park & Recreation Board First Tuesday
Planning & Zoning Commission Second and Fourth Tuesday
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board Second Wednesday4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals Third Tuesday

Dates, meeting times, and location information may be changed. For updated details of meetings and events, check with the Granby Town Clerk or visit the town website: www.granby-ct.gov which may also be of assistance concerning meeting event activity.

^{*}Call BOE for possible changes

TOWN OF GRANBY 2017 Recycling Pickup Schedule

(recycling weeks indicated by shaded areas)

Trash and Recycling barrels must be curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

January 2017 New Year's - 1/2/17									
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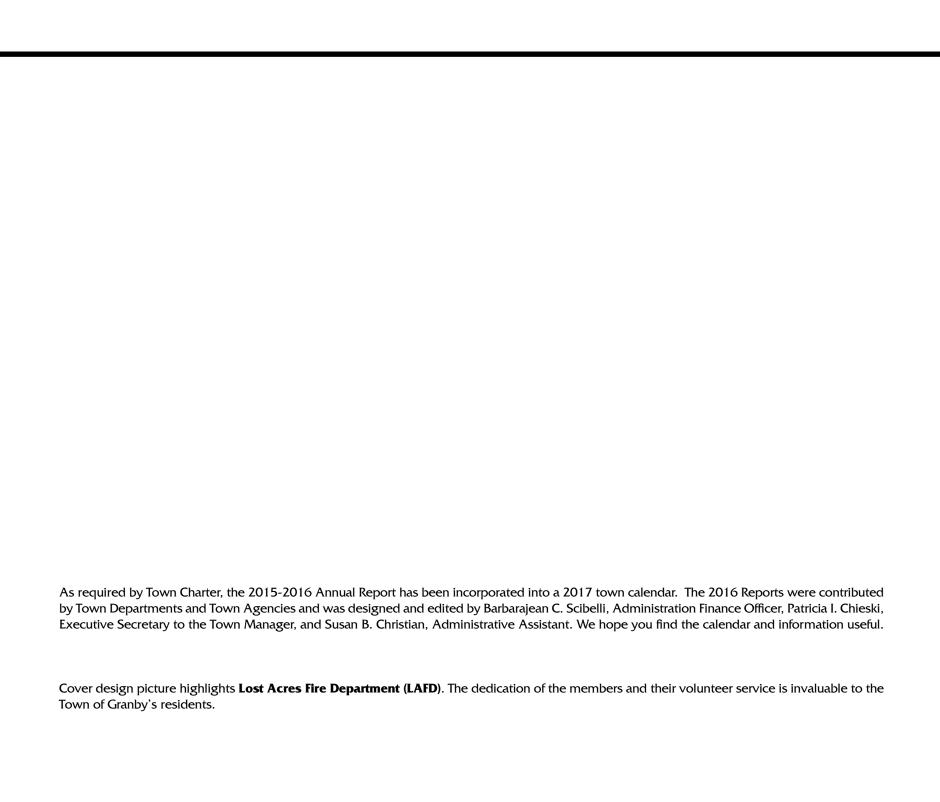
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Paine's 2017 observed holidays

Monday, January 2, 2017 – New Year's Day Monday, May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day Tuesday, July 4, 2017 – Independence Day Monday, September 4, 2017 - Labor Day

Thursday, November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving Monday, December 25, 2017 - Christmas

Trash/recycling pickup will be delayed by one day if your pick up day is on or after the holiday.



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